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- The cold weather last winter destroyed a relatively large part of the autumn sowing in the Russian Zone, since there was no snow on the ground during the first weeks of the cold period. According to estimates of experts of the German Central Administration for Agriculture and Forestry, the following losses have to be expected:

Winter rape-seed	100 %
Winter barley	100 %
Winter wheat	75 %
Winter rye	25 %
- A total of 1.8 million hectares has been seeded with winter seeds, half of it with rye. About 0.7 million hectares will have to be seeded again because of the almost complete destruction of the seeds. It seems questionable whether the seed for this acreage can be provided; for grain alone, 100,000 tons are considered needed. As a result, great losses have to be expected in the harvest of grain and oil plants, since spring sowing in general is less productive than fall sowing. This would cause a further decrease of yield in 1947.

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